MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Some routine work of the Committee has begun, work is being done in regard to the collection of statistics and figures and other preliminary matters.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the Committee has a Chairman now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the date on which the present Chairman was appointed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was appointed in July last.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): How many days or weeks before that was the Secretary appointed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He was appointed more than a month before that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know what the Secretary was doing without a Chairman for the Committee?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already said that he is collecting certain statistics, preparing minutes of old Assembly representations, Council proceedings and all that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know under whose instructions or directions he has been working till now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Under the Convener.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know whether the Committee continues as it was originally formed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, certain changes have been made.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): May I know the particulars of the changes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The chairman himself resigned and another Chairman has been appointed. An additional lady member has been appointed. An additional non-Catholic Christian has been appointed and the Convener has submitted his resignation.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) May I know whether the Convener continues to be a member?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, he does not.

Conduct of the Alleppey Police towards the Congress volunteers.

355. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a representation, dated 11-9-1107, from certain members of the Legislative Council, requesting that a public enquiry may be made into the conduct of the Police at Alleppey in using violence against the Congress volunteers, arrested in connection with the prohibitory orders issued by the Quilon District Magistrate; and

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(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken on the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The date of the representation is 14-9-1107.

(*b*) A reply was given to the members that an enquiry on the subject was already ordered to be conducted, and that no public enquiry was found necessary. An enquiry has been ordered to be conducted by the District Magistrate, Quilon, and his report on the enquiry is awaited.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know when the order for enquiry was made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was on 18th April.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it before 14-9-1107?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It seems to be a few days before.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was there an enquiry by the Police Commissioner before that?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it in response to the representations from the public that an enquiry by the District Magistrate was ordered?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It was in pursuance of, I believe, a promise made in this House.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why the report has not been submitted yet?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): He has been asked to expedite the report He fixed the 30th Mithunam as the date for taking evidence. But he was not able to proceed to Alleppey on that date. So he has asked for some more time.

Collection of evidence in connection with the enquiry into the conduct of the Alleppey Police towards Congress volunteers.

356. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the names of those who were invited to give evidence before the District Magistrate, Quilon, in connection with the enquiry into the conduct of the Alleppey Police towards Congress volunters;

(*b*) the names of those who responded to the invitation; and

(*c*) the names of those who actually gave evidence?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) The statement* required is laid on the table.

Conduct of the Alleppey Police in connection with the arrest of Congress volunteers.

357. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): With reference to the answer to my interpellation, *re* the conduct of the Alleppey

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